

TALK OF THE TOWN



by Nikki Custy

For one Hudson teacher, back-to-school time brings with it an opportunity to share firsthand Arctic experiences with her students. **Anne Farley Schoeffler** has been teaching sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade science at Seton Catholic School since 2003, with an emphasis on problem-solving and investigation skills. She herself put these skills to use during a PolarTREC (Teachers and Researchers

Exploring and Collaborating) expedition in Kangerlussuaq on the west coast of Greenland in June. Farley Schoeffler was one of 15 teachers nationwide selected to be a PolarTREC teacher to spend a month conducting hands-on field research experiences in the polar regions.

Farley Schoeffler, who has a doctorate in linguistics, partnered with researcher **Christine Urbanowicz** of Dartmouth



Seton Catholic School teacher Anne Farley Schoeffler endures arctic temps in Greenland while on a summer research expedition on climate change.

University to study the interactions between plants and their pollinators (animals that aid in plant reproduction through transporting pollen). The aim of their research was to understand how changes in temperature and precipitation might influence plant-pollinator interactions. These interactions can have global implications since the majority of plants in nature and one-third of all crop plants depend on pollinators to produce fruits and seeds.

“Even in my short time here, I have met representatives of at least eight different universities, five countries and the National Science Foundation, all working on dozens of different types of research,” Farley Schoeffler said. “All are challenging themselves to live and work in difficult conditions in order to gain a clearer understanding of how this system works and what implications Arctic changes have for the rest of the globe.”

To view the research of Farley Schoeffler and Urbanowicz, visit polartrec.com.

Best wishes to **Tess Burgler**, who stepped down from her position as a language arts and drama teacher at Hudson Montessori School last spring to pursue a full-time career in the theater. Burgler and her husband, **Joe Pine**, are actors and associate producers with the Ohio

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Shakespeare Festival (OSF), which has produced Shakespearean plays for the past 15 summer seasons at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens. The company will continue to operate there in the summer but will expand to Greystone Hall later this month to produce indoor performances throughout the year, including works by Shaw, Moliere and O'Neill, as well as lesser-known classics. Co-artistic directors **Terry Burgler** and **Nancy Cates** will continue to run OSF, while Burgler and Pine will take charge of day-to-day operations at Greystone Hall.

Congratulations to Hudsonite **Molly Sandberg**, who pulled off an upset last month to become the 2016 Bordas and Bordas West Virginia Open women's singles tennis champion. She defeated three-time state champion from Georgia, Becca Shine, to earn this title.

"I watched Shine play the day before and saw firsthand how good she was," Sandberg said. "I just wanted to go into this and give it my all."

Kudos to **Jeff Horton** of Hudson, son of **Harold** and **Lori Horton**, on being named to the staff of the USA Rugby Women's National Team. A former member of the Hudson Rugby Club boys' team, Horton helped manage Team USA through the Super Series competition in Salt Lake City last month with matches against Canada, England and France. Horton is the director of the rugby program at Kent State University.

Congratulations to 2012 Hudson High School graduate **Leighton Antonio** on his move to Eastern Michigan University, following two successful track seasons at Youngstown State. Antonio was a regional qualifier in the 100-meters and a member of the Horizon League Championship team in 2016. At the conference championships Antonio finished second in both the 100- and 200-meters and also anchored the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relay teams.

"At his previous institution, Leighton had a tremendous year last year, qualifying for the NCAA First Round," **Sterling Roberts**, assistant coach at Eastern Michigan University, said. "We're looking forward to working his talent in with the rest of our sprinters."

At Hudson High School, Antonio lettered all four years and was a two-time team captain. He set school records in the 200 (21.57), 400 (48.75) and 4x400 (3:20.17) and was named All-Ohio in

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2012 after taking home the 400 state title. Congratulations to 2013 Hudson High School graduate and football standout **Ben Gedeon** on earning his place as the starting middle linebacker at the University of Michigan. In addition to starting, Gedeon will also be Michigan's defensive-play caller, relaying Coach Don Brown's calls to his teammates, performing the on-field checks and making sure everyone is in position. Being responsible for the U. of M. defense, is not something Gedeon takes lightly.

"You've got to get everyone in place and the burden, if something doesn't fall in place, is on you," Gedeon said. "That's why you've got to be vocal about it."

Last month, the Clothing Crusade, a Hudson-based nonprofit, hosted a "clothing distribution extravaganza" at the Peter Maurin Center in Akron. T

he Clothing Crusade collects and distributes clothing to the less fortunate, providing free, quality clothing for all seasons through mobile, organized distribution. The Clothing Crusade partners with many area organizations, including St. Mary Church, Christ Community Chapel, Good Neighbors, as well as hosting mobile events such as the clothing extravaganza.

The Peter Maurin Center is an outreach ministry drop-in site for those living in poverty in Akron. The center offers hot meals, provides clothing, fresh garden food, after school programs and medical screening.

"[The] event went extremely well," **Jim Orensa**, Hudson resident and director of the Peter Maurin Center, said. "An estimated 120 people came and left with bags of clothes."

Orensa is one of many Hudson residents involved with the Peter Maurin Center. "I owned a business and retired three to four years ago," Orensa said. "I wanted to give back to society."

If you are interested in assisting at future events, or for more information, visit clothingcrusade.com or petermaurincenter.org.

In student news, **Margaret Burton** received a fashion degree from New York City's Pratt Institute; **Thomas Mendosa** received a BFA in film and animation from Rochester Institute of Technology's College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, and **Alexandra Kithcart** was named to the spring Horizon League academic honor roll at Youngstown State University.

The following students have been named to the dean's list: **Anne Dowell**, **Austin Riggle**, Wittenberg University; **Thomas Mendosa**, **Alden Reed**, **Philip Rust**, Rochester Institute of Technology; **Mallory Korpics**, Belmont University; **Sarah Blask**, **Andrew Fazekash**, **Zachary Haggerty**, **Kyle Mollison**, **Catherine Pauley**, **Alexander Spenik** and **Christina Wade**, John Carroll University.

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